

Amendment to the Specification:

1. Please delete paragraph [0013] and replace with the following amended paragraph [0013].

[0013] The filter frame assembly of the present invention is primarily for use in air filtration systems. In one principal aspect of the present invention, a filter frame includes a panel including a plurality of V-shaped elements disposed on a first side of the panel. Each V-shaped element includes a pair of slots. The slots are each configured to receive and orient a filter element. A portion of the panel disposed between adjacent pairs of V-shaped elements has an opening [form] formed therein to define a handle for carrying the filter frame.

2. Please delete paragraph [0015] and replace with the following amended paragraph [0015].

[0015] In another principal aspect of the present invention, a filter frame includes a generally W-shaped panel including a pair of V-shaped elements disposed on the first side of the panel. Each V-shaped element includes a pair of slots configured to receive an oriented pair of filter elements. A portion of the panel extending between the adjacent V-shaped elements has an opening [form] formed therein which defines a handle for carrying the filter frame.

3. Please delete paragraph [0017] and replace with the following amended paragraph [0017].

[0017] Another principal aspect of the present invention is directed to a filter assembly including a pair of filter frames engaging opposite ends of a plurality of filter elements. Each filter frame includes a panel including a plurality of V-shaped elements disposed on a first side of the panel. Each V-shaped element includes a pair of slots where each slot is configured to receive [an] and orient one end of a filter element. A portion of the panel disposed between each adjacent pair of V-shaped elements has an opening formed therein to define a handle for carrying the filter frame. A pair of transverse members space and interconnect the filter frames.

4. Please delete paragraph [0019] and replace with the following amended paragraph [0019].

[0019] FIG. 1 is a first side perspective view of the filter frame 10 of an embodiment of the present invention. The filter frame 10 includes a panel 12 having a first side 14 and a second side 16 (see FIG. 2). A plurality of V-shaped elements 18 are disposed on the first side 14 of panel 12. In this embodiment, the panel 12 is generally W-shaped. It will be recognized that the panel 12 may take any shape or form such that the plurality of V-shaped elements 18 may be disposed thereupon.

5. Please delete paragraph [0023] and replace with the following amended paragraph [0023].

[0023] FIG. 3 is a first side elevation view of the filter frame of FIG. 1 and FIG. 4 is a detailed view of a highlighted portion indicated as No. 4 on FIG. 3. A portion 46 of the panel 12 disposed between adjacent pairs of V-

shaped elements 18 has an opening 48 [form] formed therein to define a handle 50 for carrying the filter frame 10. The handle 50 includes a support element 52 normal to the panel 12 and extending toward the first side 14 of the panel between the V-shaped elements 18. It will be recognized that the support element 52 may also extend toward the second side of the panel between the V-shaped elements and provide identical functionality.

6. Please delete paragraph [0028] and replace with the following amended paragraph [0028].

[0028] The invention is not limited to the details of the apparatus depicted and other modifications and applications may be contemplated. For example, the relative angle between the V-shaped elements may be changed as desired. For further example, additional filter elements may be added to the filter assembly. Also, the size, shape and position of the opening may be altered as desired to suit particular applications. Certain other changes may be made in the above-described apparatus without departing from the true spirit and scope of the invention here involved. It is intended, therefore that the subject matter of the above depiction shall be interpreted as illustrated and not in a limiting sense.